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SUBJECT: DRAFT LETTER ON KOREA TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

FOLLOWING IS APPROVED TEXT OF LETTER TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT. TEXT MAY BE GIVEN TO REMAINING MEMBERS OF CORE
COSPONSORING GROUP SUBJECT ONLY TO CAVEAT THAT MINOR
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BEGIN TEXT

I REFER TO UNGA RESOLUTION 3333 OF DECEMBER 17, 1974 ON THE
"QUESTION OF KOREA", AND TO THE LETTER OF MARCH 18, 1975
ON THIS SUBJECT ADDRESSED TO YOU BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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I REFER ALSO TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 84 OF JULY 7,

1950 WHICH INTER ALIA,"REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES PROVIDE THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH REPORTS AS APPROPRIATE ON THE COURSE OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE UNIFIED COMMAND" AND TO SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT S/3079 OF 7 AUGUST 1953 WHICH CIRCULATED THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF JULY 27, 1953.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND ITS EFFORTS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED CONSISTENTLY TO THESE GOALS. IN THIS CONTEXT MY GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE BEST MEANS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 3333.

IN COSPONSORING AND SUPPORTING THE DRAFT ADOPTED AS RESOLUTION 3333, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO SEE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO TAKE CONCRETE MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

IN THIS REGARD, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, WISHES TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT IT IS READY TO TERMINATE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND, TOGETHER WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TO DESIGNATE MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 17 OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF JULY 27, 1953, WHO WOULD ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH ARE NOW THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL TERMINATE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY, TOGETHER WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IMPLEMENT THE ALTERNATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRANGEMENT OUTLINED ABOVE ON JANUARY 1, 1976, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS, AS SIGNATORIES TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE IN FORCE.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE

OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AT ANY TIME AND IN ANY PLACE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, AS WELL AS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD THEY SO DESIRE.THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO FURTHER STATE THAT, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EMBODIED IN RESOLUTION 3333, IT WILL IN THE MEANTIME UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO REDUCE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE UN COMMAND INCLUDING RESTRICTED USE OF THE FLAG WHICH WERE

AUTHORIZED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 84 OF JULY 7, 1950.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES EMPHASIZES THAT ITS SOLE CONCERN IN THIS QUESTION IS THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, THE BASIS OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, BE MAINTAINED AND PRESERVED PENDING NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCILIATION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA LEADING TO A LASTING PEACE BETWEEN THEM. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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